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A MEMORIAL

URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO TAKE ACTION REGARDING SPACE
EXPLORATION.

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1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, the United States is a nation of explorers; and

4 Whereas, when Christopher Columbus made his voyages across the Atlantic
5 in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, his ships carried the inscription
6 "Following the light of the sun, we left the Old World"; and

7 Whereas, exploration and discovery have been especially important to
8 the American experience, providing vision, hope and economic stimulus, from
9 New World pioneers and American frontiersmen to the Apollo program; and

10 Whereas, just as Lewis and Clark could not have predicted the
11 settlement of the American west within a hundred years of the start of the
12 their famous nineteenth century expedition, the total benefits of a single
13 exploratory undertaking or discovery cannot be predicted in advance; and

14 Whereas, the desire to explore is part of our character and history has
15 shown that space exploration benefits all humankind through new technologies
16 for everyday application, new jobs across the entire economic enterprise,
17 economic contributions through new markets, commercial products, education,
18 inspiration, leadership, increased security and a legacy for future
19 generations; and

20 Whereas, Arizona has been a leader in the exploration since the dawn of
21 the space age, accounting for hundreds of millions of dollars in direct
22 contracts in the entire state; and

23 Whereas, our nation's new vision for space exploration charts a new,
24 "building block" strategy to explore destinations across our solar system
25 with robots and humans, allowing our nation to remain competitive in the new
26 industry of space commerce.

27 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, prays:

28 1. That the Congress of the United States enact and fully fund the
29 proposed vision for space exploration, as submitted to Congress in the fiscal
30 year 2008 budget of the United States government, to enable the United States
31 to remain a leader in the exploration and development of space.

32 2. That the Secretary of State transmit copies of this Memorial to the
33 President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate,
34 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of
35 the Congress from the State of Arizona.

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